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To the iGEM-BGU team

Dear students,

The past century has distinguished itself by cutting-edge research that led to amazing discoveries, spawning new technologies that are revolutionizing our lives. Human curiosity has been the driver in this quest for innovation, unquestionably the hallmark of our tomorrow.

The iGEM competition is recognized as one of the most prestigious academic competitions in the world, and the iGEM-BGU team represents the motivated and committed generation of researchers of today. I have no doubt that your impactful groundbreaking project will reflect your exciting scientific creativity and initiative, and demonstrate the significant contribution that it would make in the field of synthetic biology, a field that I am certain will play a central role in the world in the years to come.

You are to be commended for combining your scientific efforts with a sense of social responsibility and awareness, and I am confident you will represent Israel at its best. I wish you much success in the competition – your success is ours.

With all good wishes,

Shimon Peres